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Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, semielastic, normal strength, bright finish, deep color intensity, normal width, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
C2D	Fine Dark-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, semielastic, normal strength, clear finish, deep color intensity, normal width, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C3D	Good Dark-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, inelastic, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4D	Fair Dark-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5D	Low Dark-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3M	Good Mixed Color or Variegated Thin Leaf.
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, inelastic, normal strength, clear finish, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4M	Fair Mixed Color or Variegated Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5M	Low Mixed Color or Variegated Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3VF	Good Greenish Medium-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, firm, oily, inelastic, normal strength, clear finish, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4VF	Fair Greenish Medium-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5VF	Low Greenish Medium-brown Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3G	Good Green Thin Leaf.
	Thin, mature, firm, oily, inelastic, normal strength, clear finish, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4G	Fair Green Thin Leaf.
	Thin, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5G	Low Green Thin Leaf.
	Thin, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.2664 Lugs (X Group).

This group consists of leaves that normally grow near the bottom of the stalk. Leaves of the X group usually

have a high degree of maturity and show ground injury.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
X1L	Choice Light-brown Lugs.
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
X2L	Fine Light-brown Lugs.
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X3L	Good Light-brown Lugs.
	Thin, ripe, firm, oily, normal dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4L	Fair Light-brown Lugs.
	Thin, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5L	Low Light-brown Lugs.
	Thin, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1F	Choice Medium-brown Lugs.
	Medium body, ripe, firm, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
X2F	Fine Medium-brown Lugs.
	Medium body, ripe, firm, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X3F	Good Medium-brown Lugs.
	Medium body, ripe, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4F	Fair Medium-brown Lugs.
	Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5F	Low Medium-brown Lugs.
	Thin to medium body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1D	Choice Dark-brown Lugs.
	Medium to heavy body, ripe, firm, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
X2D	Fine Dark-brown Lugs.
	Medium to heavy body, ripe, firm, oily, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X3D	Good Dark-brown Lugs.
	Medium to heavy body, ripe, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4D	Fair Dark-brown Lugs.
	Medium to heavy body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5D	Low Dark-brown Lugs.
	Thin to heavy, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3M	Good Mixed Color or Variegated Lugs.

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Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Thin to heavy, ripe, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4M	Fair Mixed Color or Variegated Lugs.
	Thin to heavy, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5M	Low Mixed Color or Variegated Lugs.
	Thin to heavy, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3VF	Good Greenish Medium-brown Lugs.
	Medium body, mature, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4VF	Fair Greenish Medium-brown Lugs.
	Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5VF	Low Greenish Medium-brown Lugs.
	Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3G	Good Green Lugs.
	Medium to heavy body, mature, firm, weak, lean in oil, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4G	Fair Green Lugs.
	Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5G	Low Green Lugs.
	Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.2665 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group except Scrap.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
N1L	First Quality Light Colored Nondescript.
	Thin to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1D	First Quality Dark Colored Nondescript.
	Medium to heavy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1GL	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript from the C or B Groups 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N1GX	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript from the X Group 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2	Substandard Nondescript.
	Nondescript of any group or color; over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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§ 29.2666 Scrap (S Group).

A byproduct of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
S	Scrap.
	Tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or the web portions of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

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SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

§ 29.2686 Summary of standard grades.

6 Grades of Wrappers			
A1F	A3F	A2D	A3D
A2F	A1D		
19 Grades of Heavy Leaf			
B1F	B1D	B3M	B5VF
B2F	B2D	B4M	B3G
B3F	B3D	B5M	B4G
B4F	B4D	B3VF	B5G
B5F	B5D	B4VF	
24 Grades of Thin Leaf			
C1L	C2F	C3D	C3VF
C2L	C3F	C4D	C4VF
C3L	C4F	C5D	C5VF
C4L	C5F	C3M	C3G
C5L	C1D	C4M	C4G
C1F	C2D	C5M	C5G
24 Grades of Lugs			
X1L	X2F	X3D	X3VF
X2L	X3F	X4D	X4VF
X3L	X4F	X5D	X5VF
X4L	X5F	X3M	X3G
X5L	X1D	X4M	X4G
X1F	X2D	X5M	X5G

5 Grades of Nondescript				
N1L	N1D	N1GL	N1GX	N2
1 Grade of Scrap				
S				

Special factors “U”, “W”, “S” and “SF” may be applied to all grades. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated “No-G.”

Standard Sizes Applicable	
A1, A2, A3	2, 3
B1, B2, B3, B4, B5	1, 2, 3
C1, C2, C3, C4, C5	1, 2, 3

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